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WH...
WHUR...
WHERE
AM I?

CHIMERA LOST AGAINST THE NIGHT

TERRY KAWANASH
PLOT
KROL & MOEDE
LETTERING

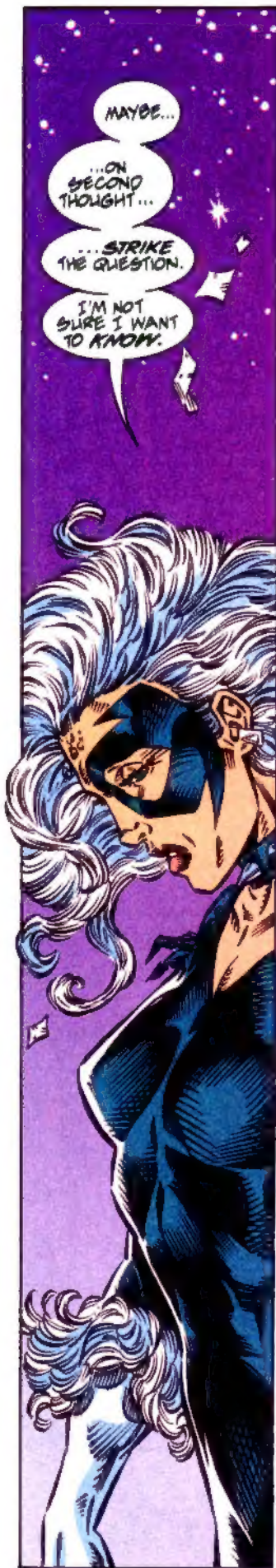
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LASH MUST HAVE
BROUGHT ME HERE
AFTER HE SHOT ME
WITH HIS DRUG-
TIPPED ARROW. *

HE SEEMS TO
HAVE GOTTEN CRAZIER
DURING THE YEARS HE
WAS OUT OF ACTION--

--WHICH IS **BAD**
'CAUSE HE WAS PRETTY
NUTS BACK THEN, TOO BUT
NOW, HE'S CALLING HIMSELF
SCAR THE STALKER.

HE **STILL**
HASN'T FORGIVEN
ME FOR SUPPOSEDLY
"BETRAYING" HIM ON
THE LIBERTY ARMORED
CAR JOB... *

...BUT THAT WAS
HIS FAULT: HE'S HIS
OWN WORST ENEMY...

...HE GETS
IN HIS **OWN**
WAY...

...UNLIKE
A CAT...

...WHICH
ALWAYS LANDS
ON ITS FEET.

* NO, YOU HAVEN'T
MISSED ANYTHING.
JUST KEEP READING.
--ERIC

* LAST ISSUE.
--ERIC





SCAR COULD'VE
KILLED ME DURING
THE ATTACK... BUT
WHAT "FLIN" WOULD
THAT HAVE BEEN?



THAT WOULDN'T
BE ENOUGH TO
AVENGE THE TIME
HE SPENT IN
STIR!



NOT ENOUGH
TO AVENGE THIS
"BETRAYAL"
HE FEELS.



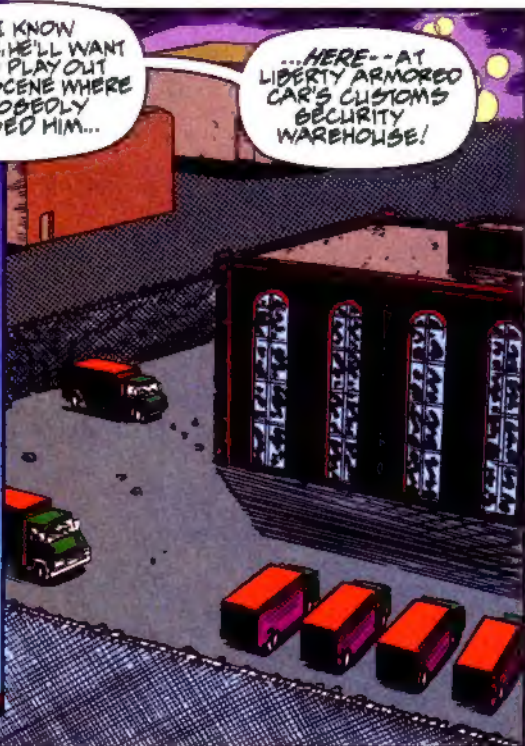
HE'S GOT
PAUL... AND HE
WANTS ME TO COME
GET HIM!

A SHORT
TIME LATER...



IF I KNOW
SCAR, HE'LL WANT
THIS TO PLAY OUT
AT THE SCENE WHERE
I SUPPOSEDLY
CROSSED HIM...

...HERE--AT
LIBERTY ARMORED
CAR'S CUSTOMS
SECURITY
WAREHOUSE!



THE EVENTS OF
THAT NIGHT ARE
AS INDELIBLY ETCHED
IN MY MEMORY... AS
THEY ARE ON SCAR'S
FACE!

WE WORKED
TOGETHER, HE AND
I, BACK WHEN HE WAS
SIMPLE PETTY CROOK
BRIAN LASH.

WE WERE FRIENDS...
EVEN LOVERS ONCE. NOW
WE WERE PARTNERS IN A
JOB THAT WAS ABOUT TO
GO HORRIBLY WRONG.

I GOT THE
GUARD, KID. GO
GET THE CASH
IN THE SAFE!

NO! WE AGREED
ONLY THE INSURED
JEWELS THEY KEEP
IN STORAGE.

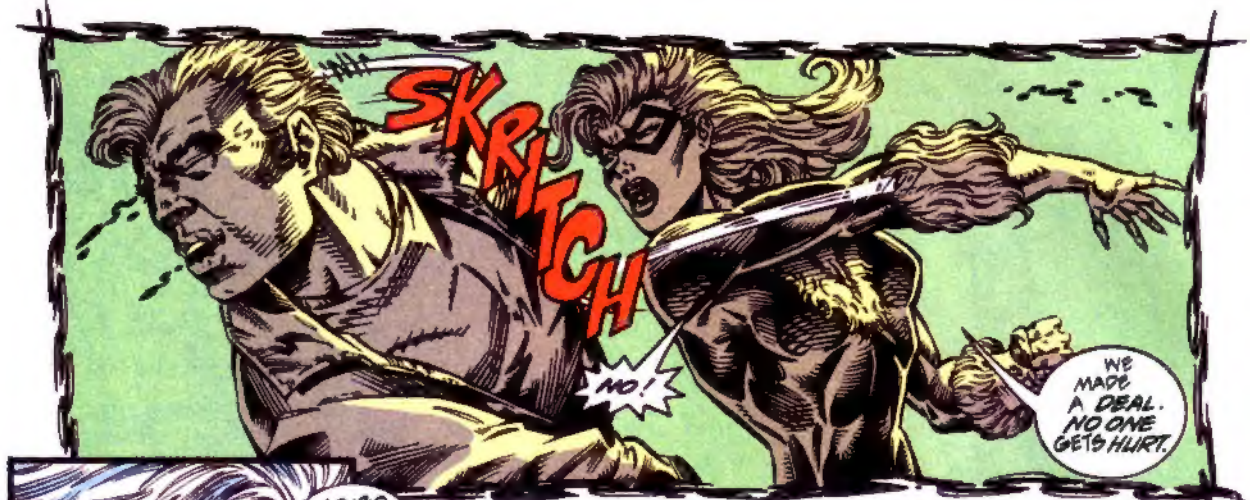
THEY'RE
COVERED... THEY'LL
CLAIM A LOSS... AND
WHO CARES IF WE
GET THEIR GOODS
OR NOT?

AIN'T THE
WAY I SEE
IT.

I THINK WE
CAN DO A LITTLE
BETTER... IF I
HEIST SOME CASH,
IT CAN'T BE
TRACED.

ESPECIALLY IF
I GET RID OF OUR ONE
WITNESS, THE RENT-
A-COP HERE.





STUPID, STUPID, STUPID.
I WAS YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED.

I HAD NO IDEA WHAT I WAS DOING WITH MY OWN CLAWS.

I MARKED LASH FOREVER...



...AND MADE A HORSE MISTAKE. I ASSUMED THERE WAS HONOR AMONG THIEVES.

RUNNING MY CLAWS AGAINST BRIAN'S FACE DIDN'T STOP HIM FROM BOOBTING THE MONEY... OR KILLING THE GUARD.



THE JOB WENT SOUR. COPS TRACED HIM TO A SUBWAY TUNNEL, WHERE HE WAS HIT BY A TRAIN TRYING TO EVADE THEM. HE WOUND UP IN A COMA.

I CAN ALMOST UNDERSTAND WHY HE BLAMES ME FOR HIS YEARS IN THE JOINT...



...SINCE I GAVE HIM SOMETHING TO REMEMBER ME BY!



I DON'T SEE
ANY POINT IN
PROLONGING
THIS AGONY.



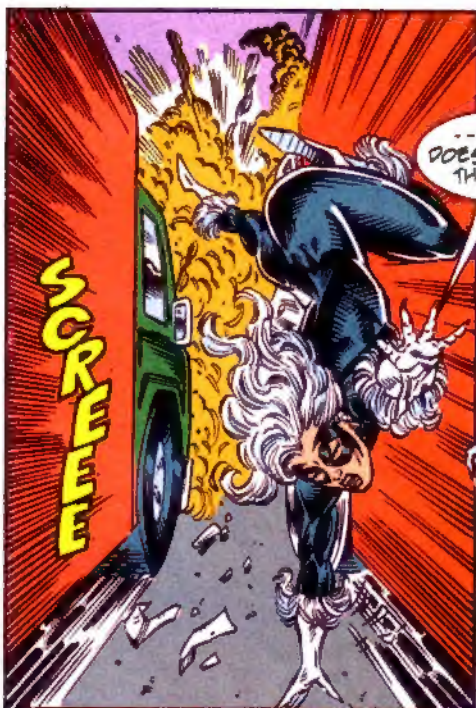
MIGHT AS WELL
FORGE AHEAD.
FIND PAUL
AND SCAR.



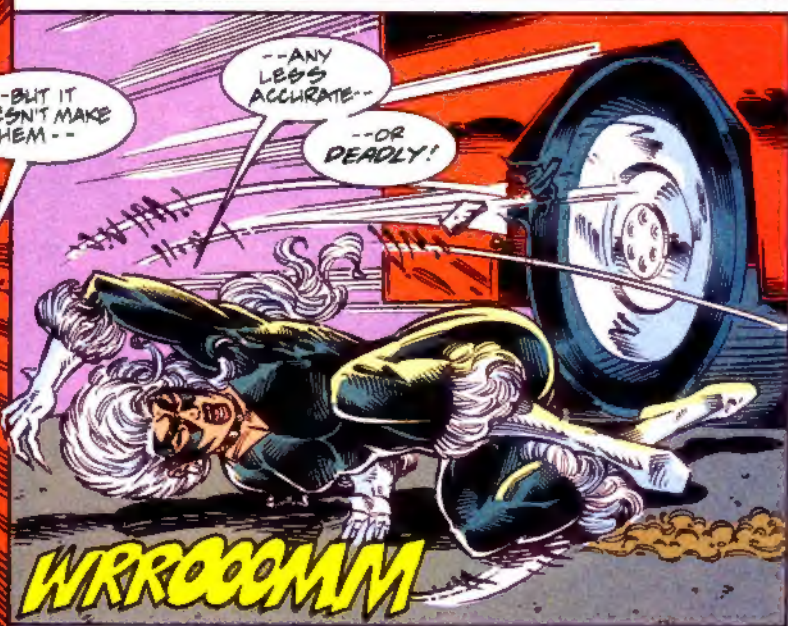
ARMORED
TRUCKS
BARRELING
AT ME!

VRMMM

NO
DRIVERS
IN 'EM--

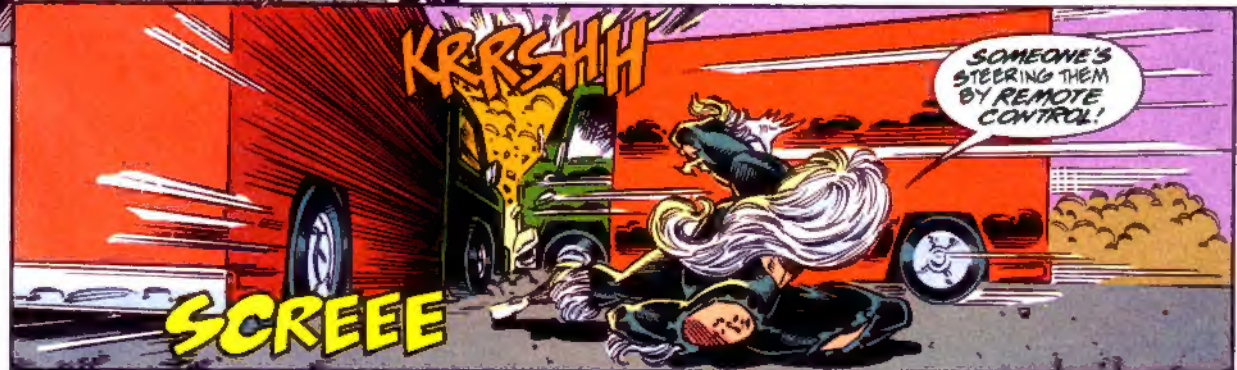


--BUT IT
DOESN'T MAKE
THEM--



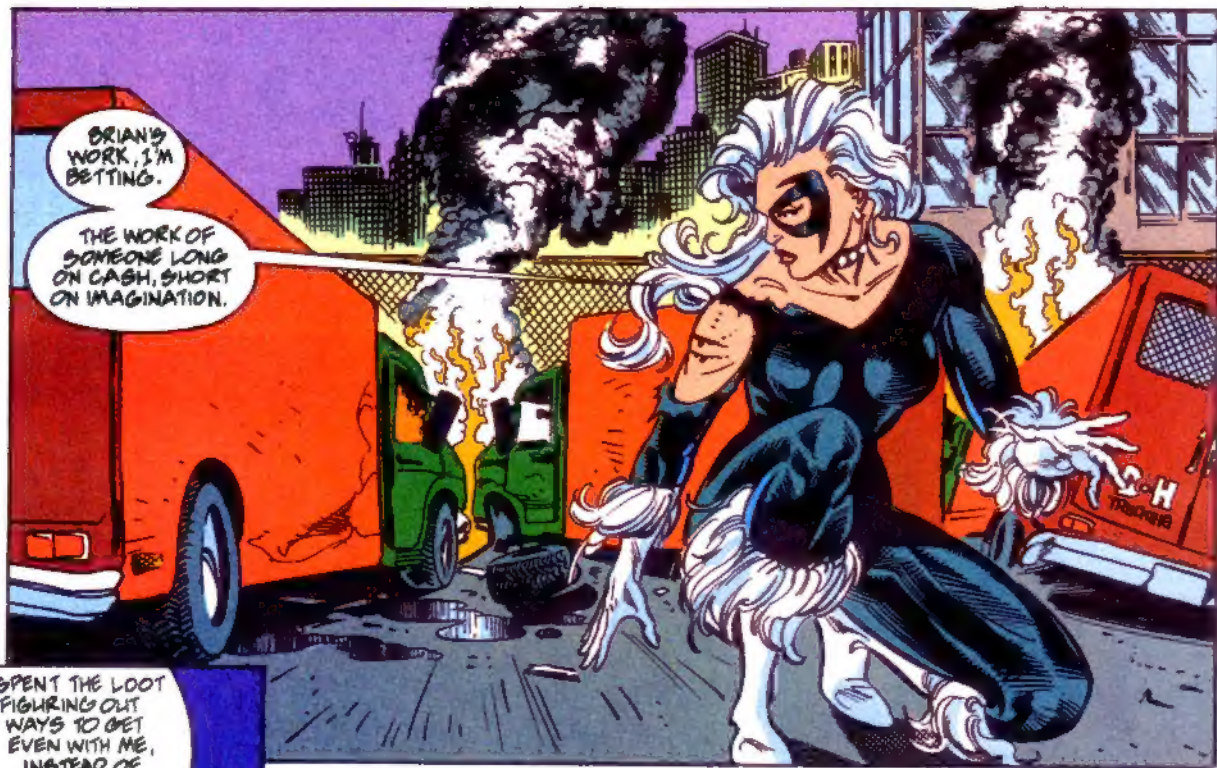
--ANY
LEGS
ACCURATE--

--OR
DEADLY!



KRSHH

SOMEONE'S
STEERING THEM
BY REMOTE
CONTROL!



BRIAN'S
WORK, I'M
BETTING.

THE WORK OF
SOMEONE LONG
ON CASH, SHORT
ON IMAGINATION.

SPENT THE LOOT
FIGURING OUT
WAYS TO GET
EVEN WITH ME,
INSTEAD OF
MAKING A
BETTER LIFE
FOR HIMSELF.

TYPICAL
MALE.

YOU'D
THINK HE--

OH, NO!

WHAT'S
THE MATTER,
HON?

IS IT THAT
YOUR NEW
BOYFRIEND ISN'T
SO APPEALING
NOW, AWAY FROM
THE MANSION AND
THE FANCY CLOTHES
AND THE
CHAMPAGNE?

I CAN
IMPROVE HIS
LOOKS...

MAKE HIM ~~MORE~~
RUGGED. JUST BY
GIVING HIM A NICE,
FAT SCAR ACROSS
THE FACE.

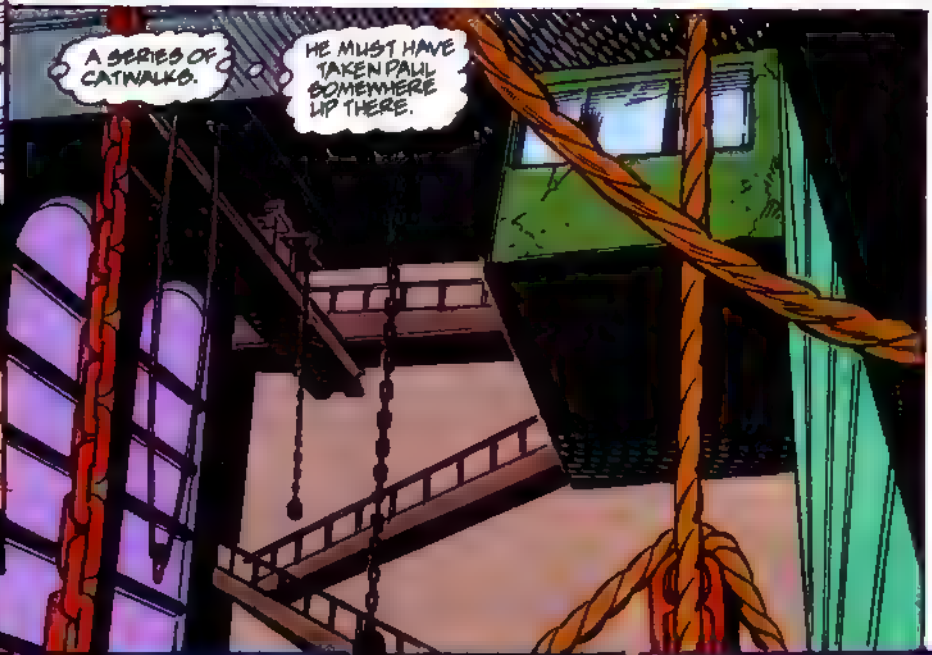


THAT'S IT, FELICIA, COME ON IN AND SEE IF YOU CAN SAVE YOUR LOVER BOY.

HE'S NOT MY LOVER, BRIAN.

BUT THE TRUTH NEVER MATTERED TO YOU, DID IT?

THIS IS ALL A GAME TO HIM, WITH MY LIFE AS THE PRIZE.



A SERIES OF CATWALKS.

HE MUST HAVE TAKEN PAUL SOMEWHERE UP THERE.



SCREEEK

THE WINCHES AND HOISTS HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED.

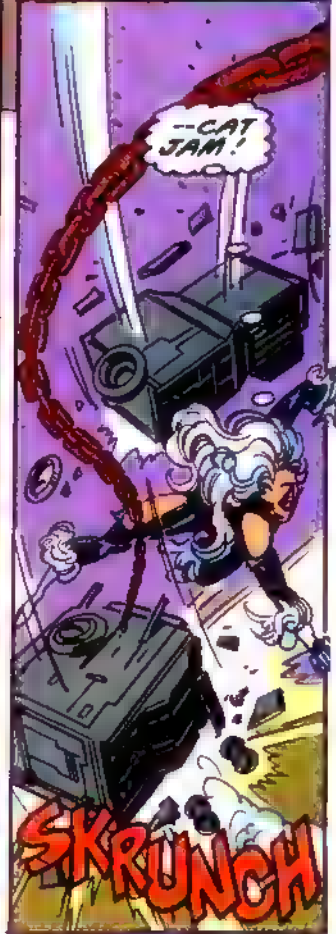


SWOOSH



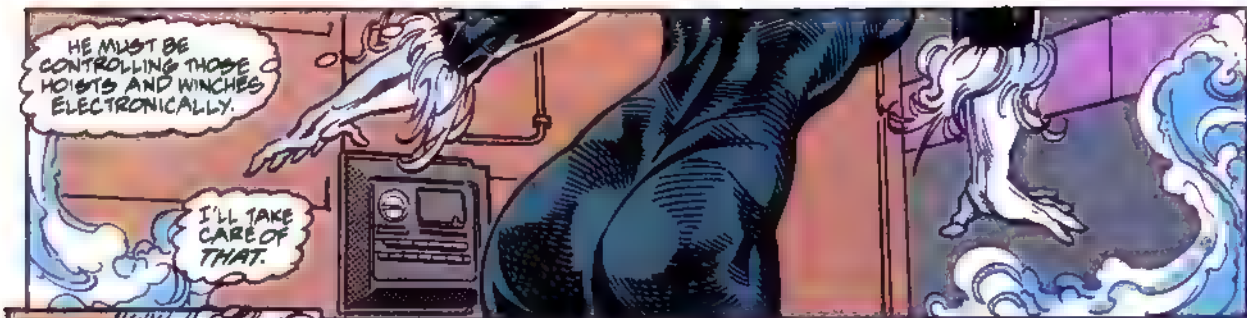
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS

MOVE IT, HARDY, OTHERWISE YOU'LL BE--



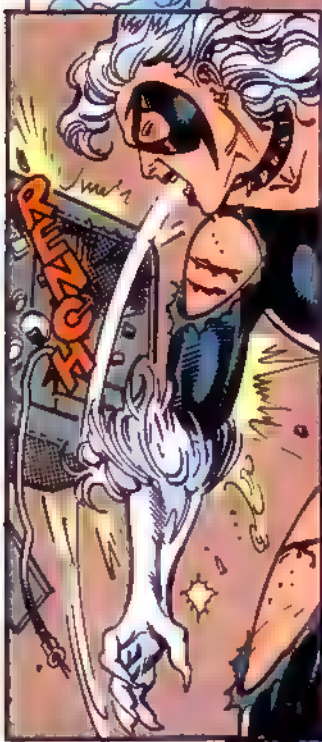
--CAT JAM!

SKRUNCH



HE MUST BE CONTROLLING THOSE HOISTS AND WINCHES ELECTRONICALLY.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT.

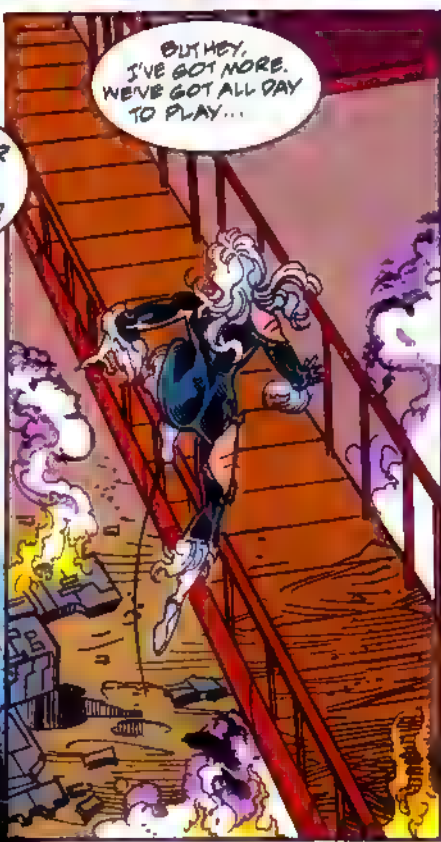


RAVAGE



THAT WASN'T VERY NI-ICE.

SUPPOSE I TOOK YOUR LITTLE CAT TOYS AND BROKE THEM?



BUT HEY, I'VE GOT MORE. WE'VE GOT ALL DAY TO PLAY...

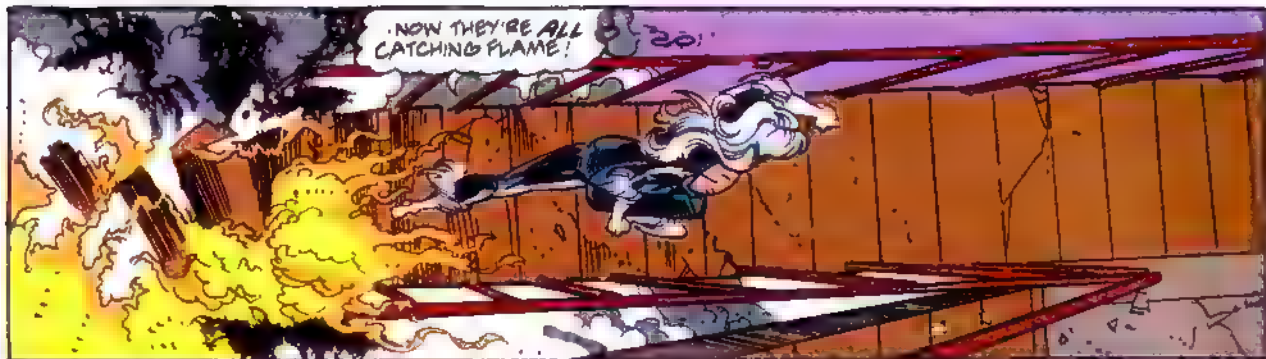


AND WHERE ELSE HAVE YOU GOT TO GO?

COME GET YOUR BOYFRIEND, LITTLE KITTY...

I'M KEEPING HIM NICE AND SAFE.

ONE OF THOSE BLATS IN THE CATWALK HELD AN ELECTRICAL CHARGE...



NOW THEY'RE ALL
CATCHING FLAME!



HOW DO WE SOLVE
THIS PROBLEM?
LATERAL
THINKING.



NOTHING IN
THE RULES SAYS
I CAN'T WALK ON
THE RAILINGS.

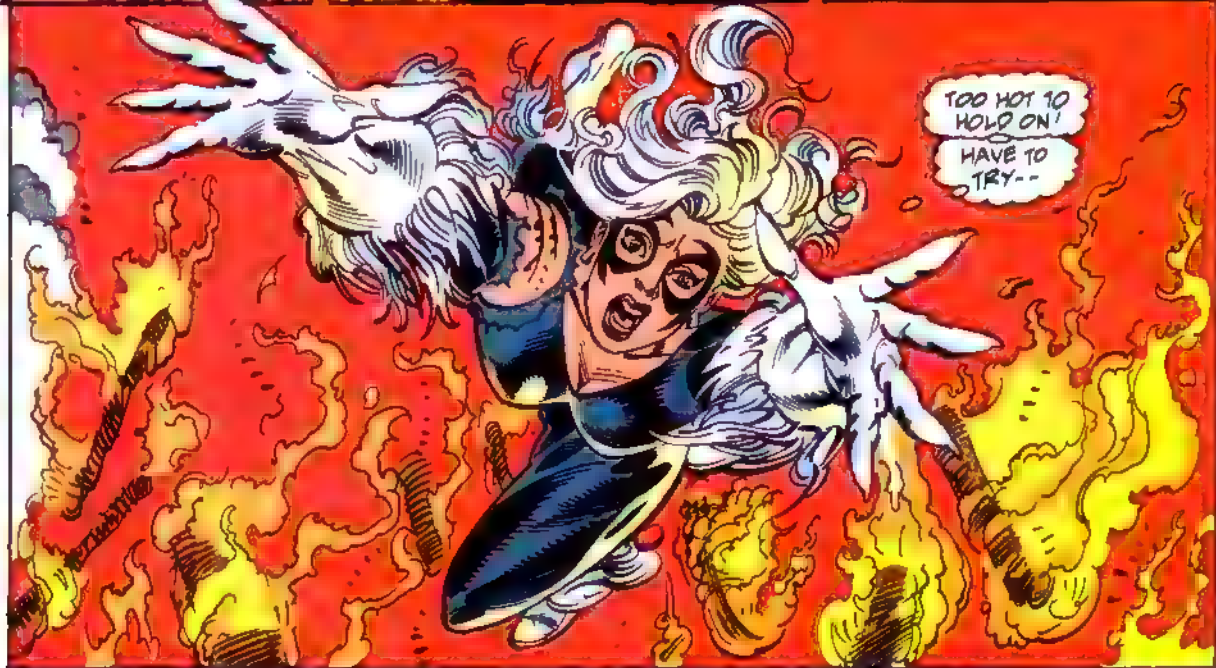
NOTHING, OF
COURSE, EXCEPT
THE FACT THAT
THEY'RE
GROWING MIGHTY
HOT.

WON'T BE
ABLE TO KEEP
DOING THIS
LONG.

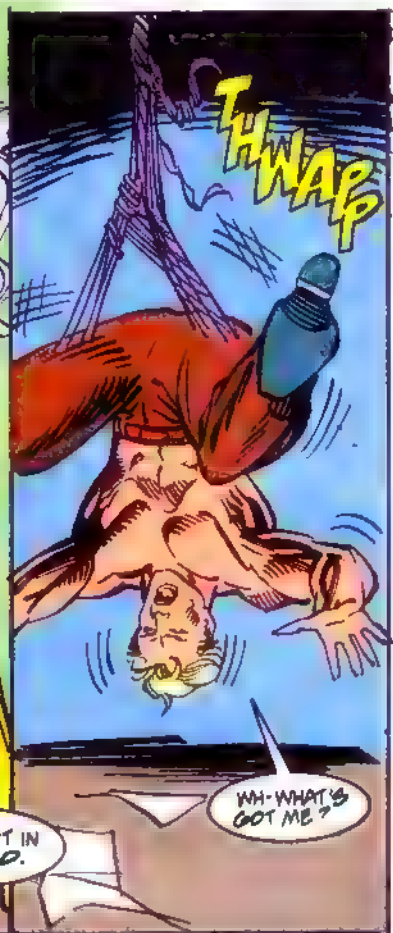
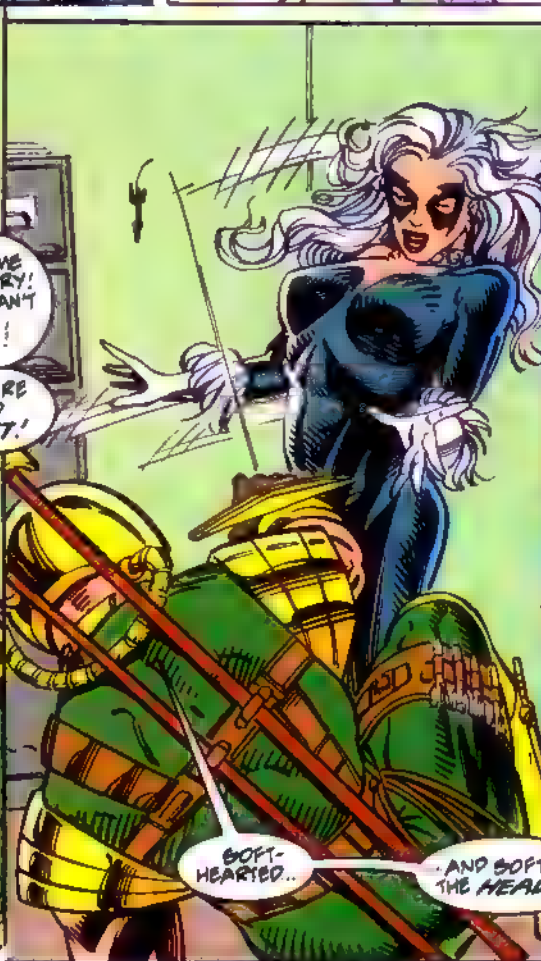


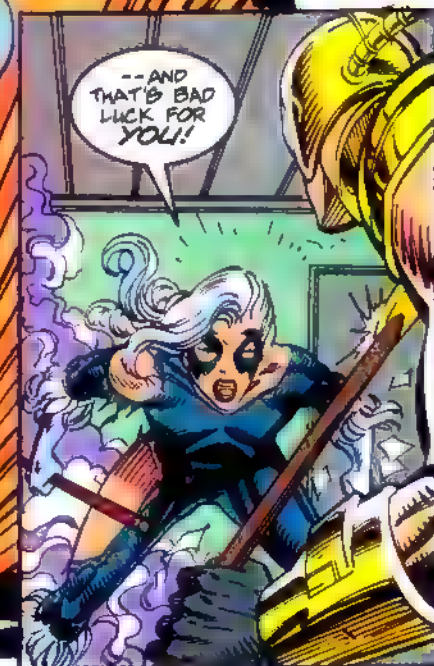
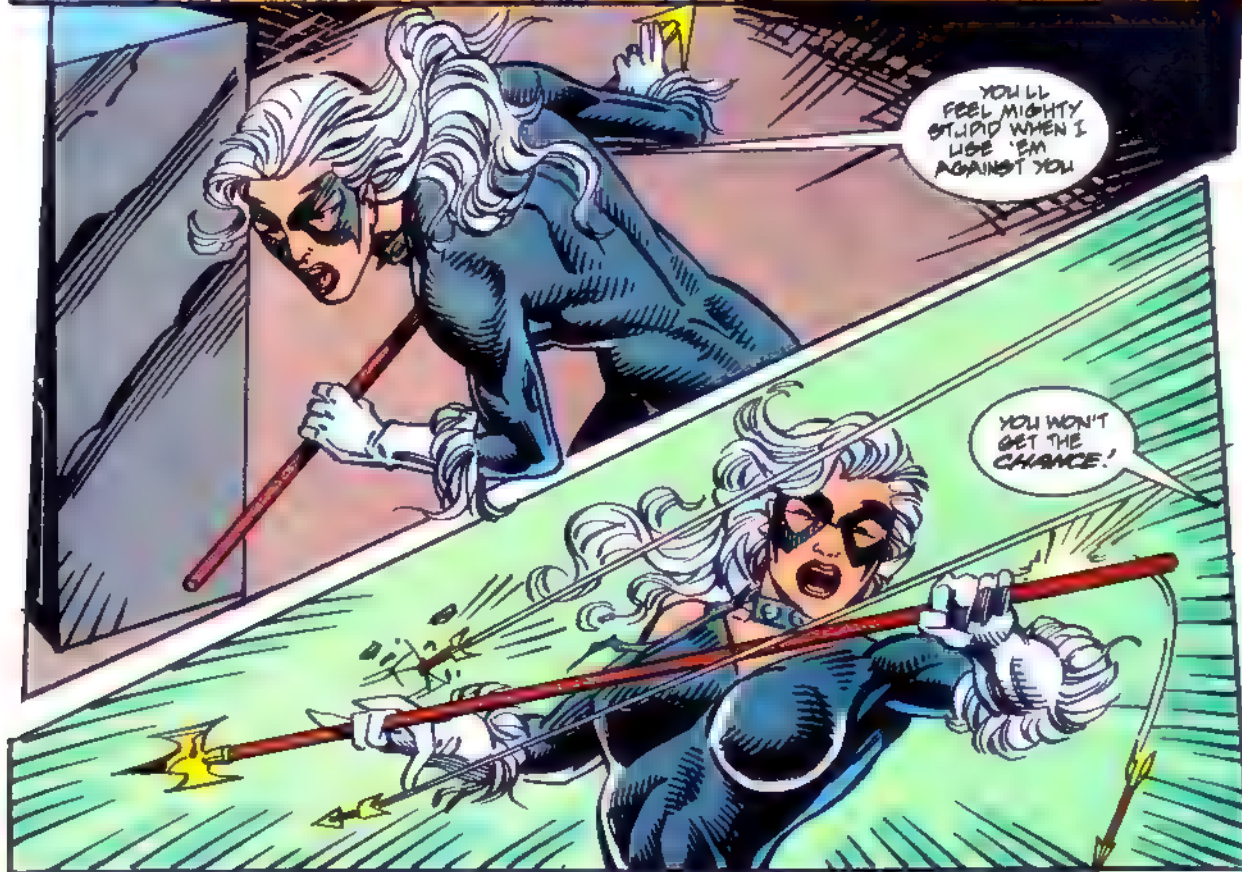
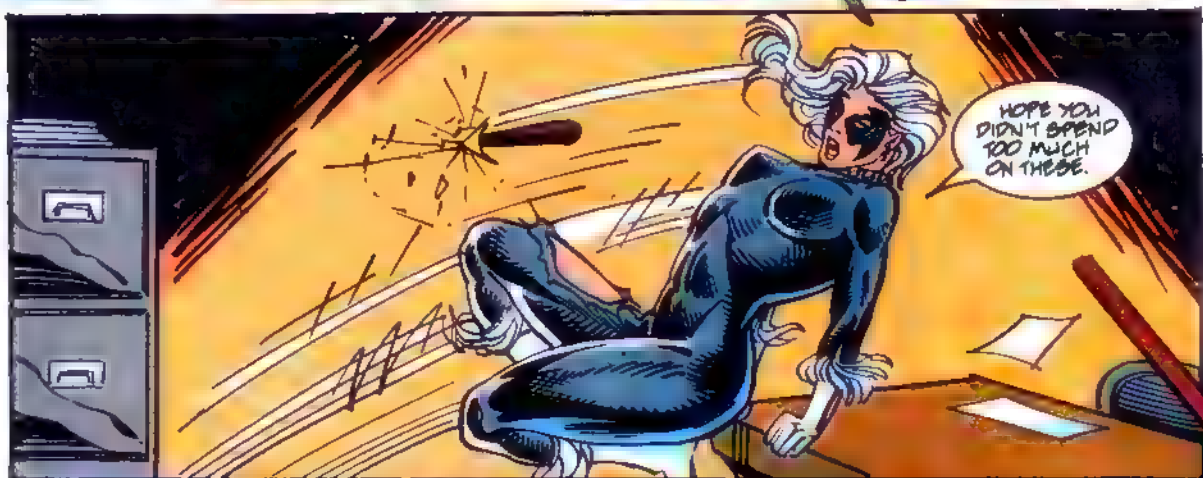
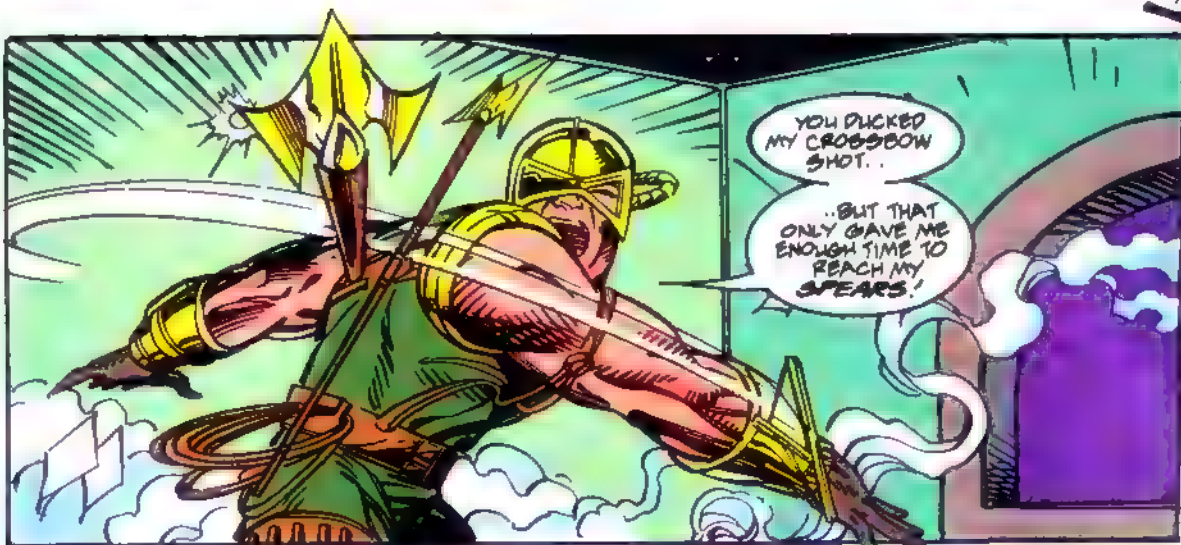
WAS I RIGHT OR
WAS I RIGHT?

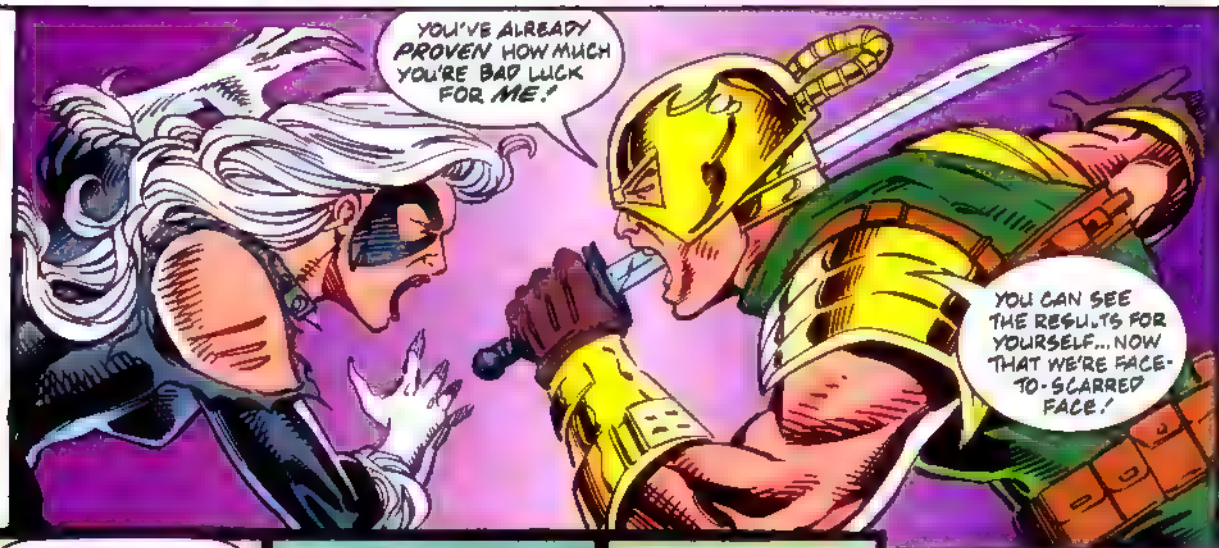
THE FIRE PASSED
ME...AND HEADED
RIGHT FOR THE
ESCAPE ROUTE!



TOO HOT TO
HOLD ON!
HAVE TO
TRY--







YOU'VE ALREADY
PROVEN HOW MUCH
YOU'RE BAD LUCK
FOR ME!

YOU CAN SEE
THE RESULTS FOR
YOURSELF... NOW
THAT WE'RE FACE-
TO-SCARRED
FACE!



LET'S SEE IF I CAN
CHANGE YOUR LUCK!



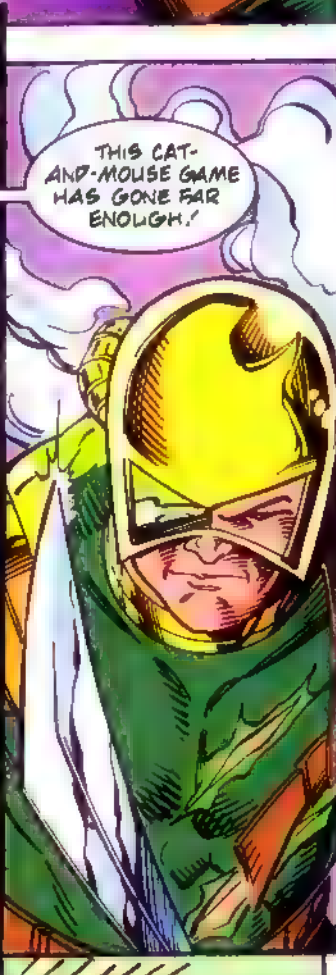
LET'S SEE IF I CAN
CHANGE YOUR FACE!

YOU'LL FEEL
DIFFERENTLY...
AFTER YOU'VE GOT
A FEW SCARS OF
YOUR OWN!

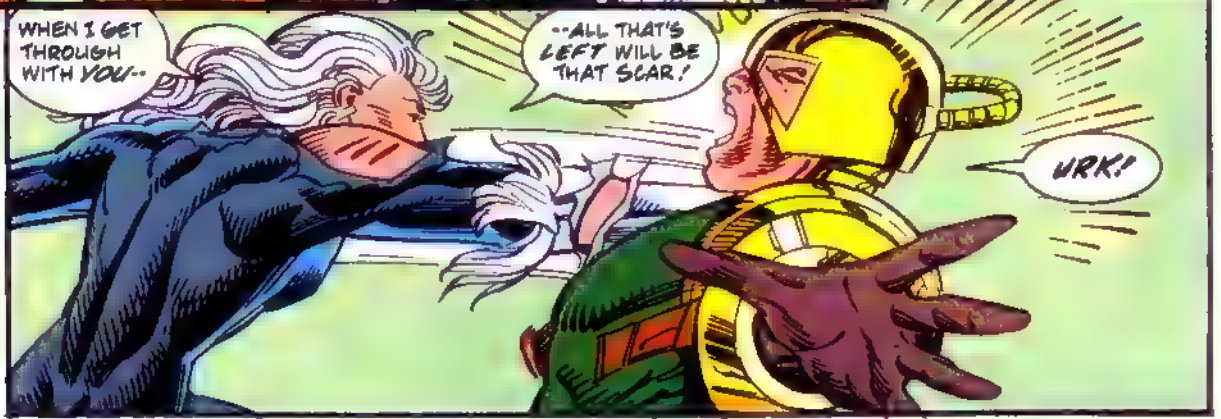


SHUT UP!

I'M TIRED OF
FEELING GUILTY...
OVER YOUR
SCREW-UPS!



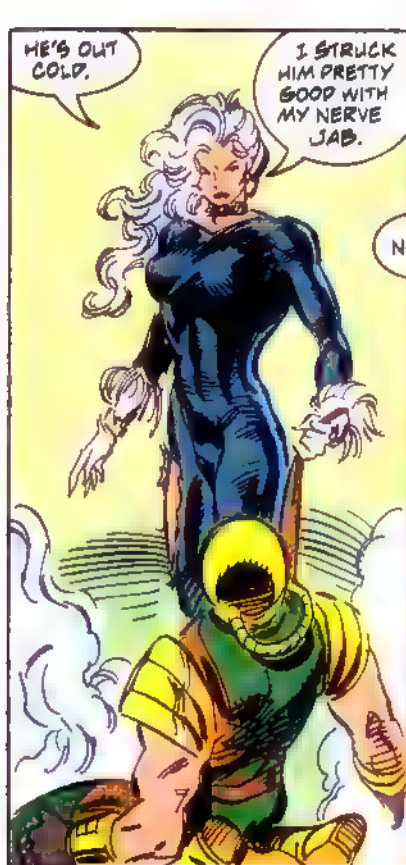
THIS CAT-
AND-MOUSE GAME
HAS GONE FAR
ENOUGH!



WHEN I GET
THROUGH
WITH YOU...

--ALL THAT'S
LEFT WILL BE
THAT SCAR!

URK!



HE'S OUT COLD.

I STRUCK HIM PRETTY GOOD WITH MY NERVE JAB.

NOW...



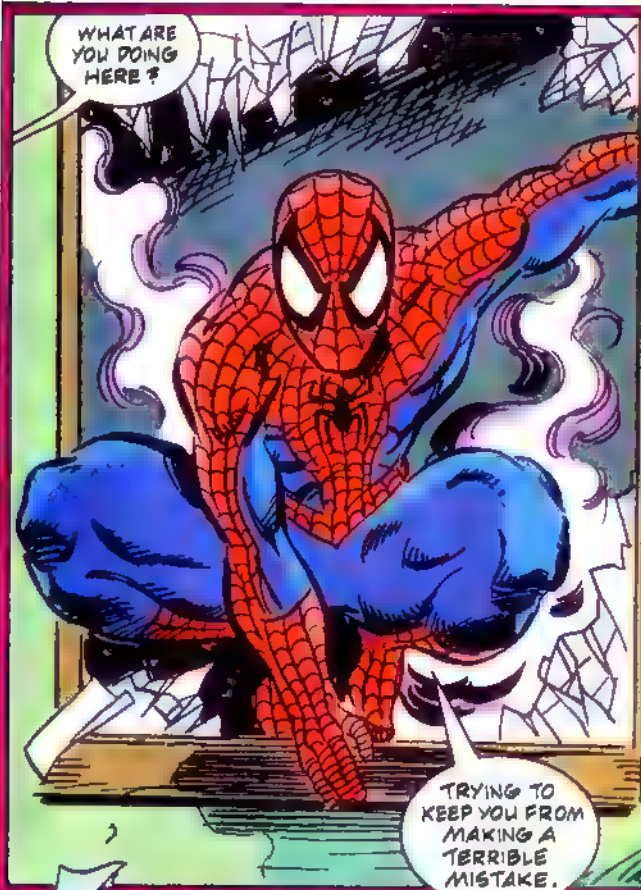
...I'LL FINISH THE JOB.



NO!

HE'S NOT WORTH IT, CAT.

SPIDER-MAN!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

TRYING TO KEEP YOU FROM MAKING A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.



YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ME OUT OF THIS... OUT OF SOME SENSE OF HIGH-MINDED IDEALISM?

WHEN HAS IT EVER PAID OFF FOR YOU, SPIDER-MAN?

WHEN?



IT'S NEVER SOLVED YOUR PROBLEMS...

...AND RIGHT NOW, I'M GONNA SOLVE ONE OF MINE!



THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.

I GOT YOU INTO THIS HOLE.

KILLING HIM WILL PUT YOU INTO A DEEPER ONE.

I MIGHT AS WELL ADMIT IT SINCE YOU FIGURED IT OUT...*

...I AM THE CHIMERA.

I HIRED YOU TO TRACE AND FIND ME... BUT NOT FOR THE REASONS YOU SUSPECT.

I CAN WORK IT OUT OKAY.

YOU'VE GOT AN EGO BIG AS ALL OUTDOORS... AND YOU THINK EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD WANTS YOUR TOO-TAN SKIN...

UNOFFICIAL, YES. AND I'LL GRANT I HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF SELF-PRESERVATION. BUT YOU'RE LEAVING OUT AN IMPORTANT PART OF ALL THIS.

...SO YOU PICKED THIS DODGE TO HIRE ME AS YOUR UNOFFICIAL BODYGUARD.

I KNEW ABOUT PROJECT: FIRST STRIKE... AND I KNEW THE PROSPECT OF SUCH EXPERIMENTS ON HUMANS WAS IMMORAL.

*LASTISH AGAIN.
--ERIC AGAIN

I TRIED LEAKING DATA ABOUT THE PROJECT TO CARDIAC'S SOURCES... BUT HE FAILED TO SQUASH THE PROJECT.*

FAILED AGAINST YOU, THAT IS.

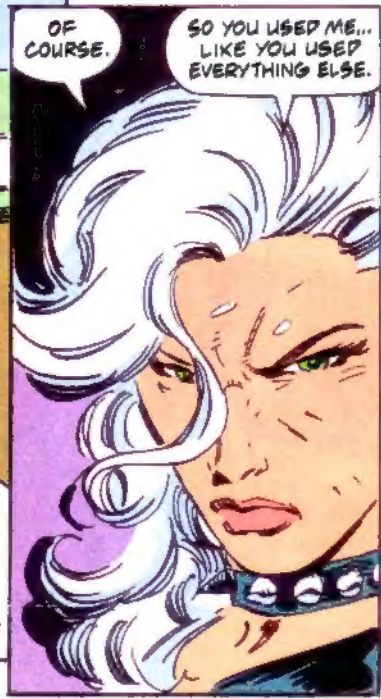
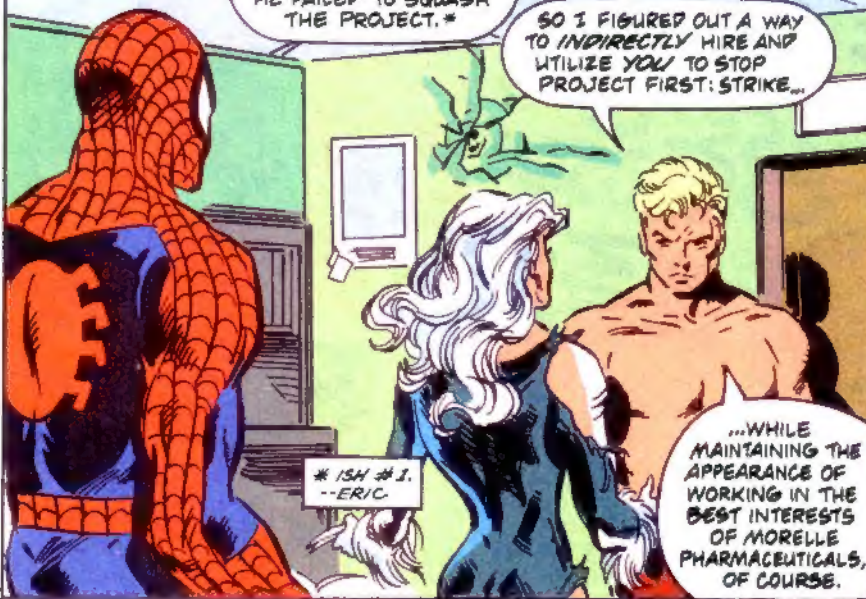
SO I FIGURED OUT A WAY TO INDIRECTLY HIRE AND UTILIZE YOU TO STOP PROJECT FIRST: STRIKE...

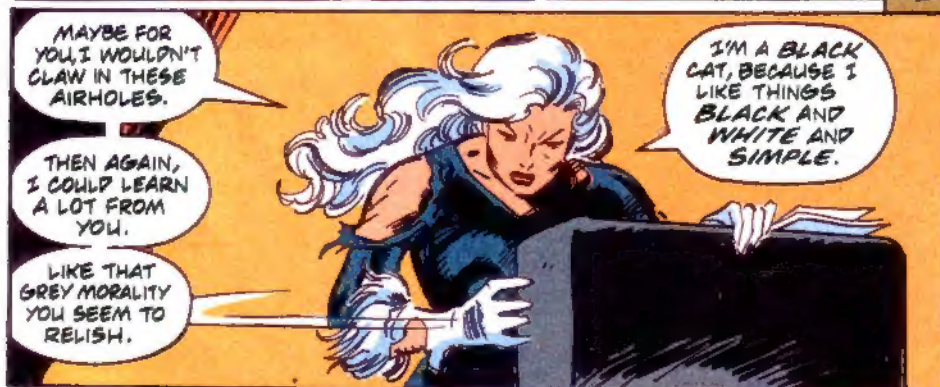
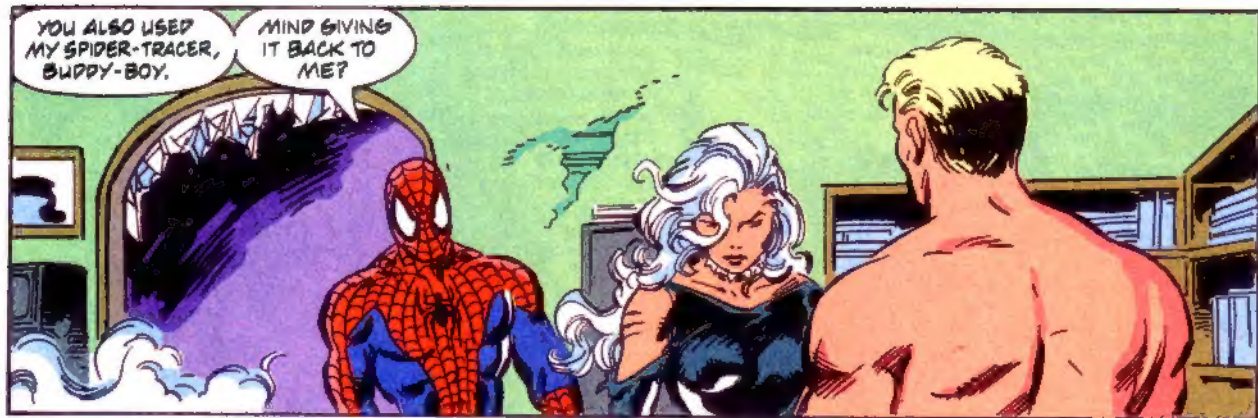
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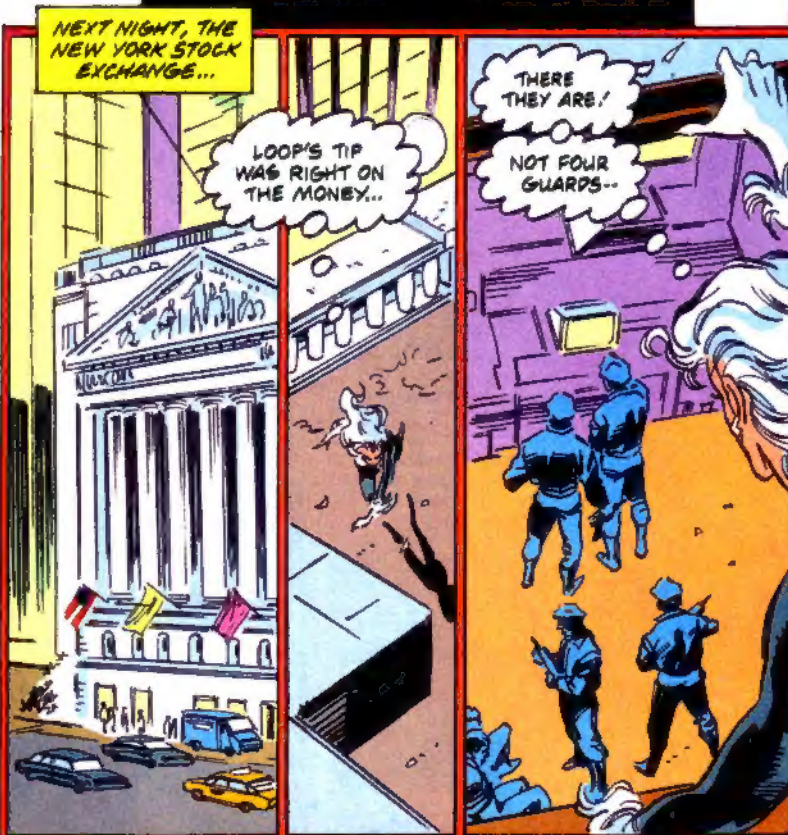
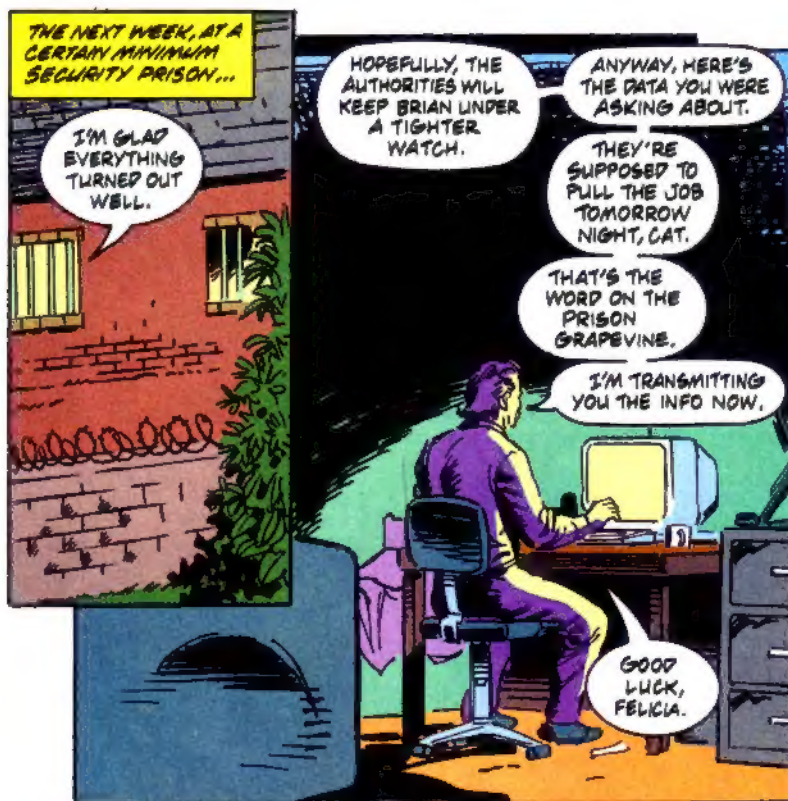
SO YOU USED ME... LIKE YOU USED EVERYTHING ELSE.

*ISH #1.
--ERIC

...WHILE MAINTAINING THE APPEARANCE OF WORKING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF MORELLE PHARMACEUTICALS, OF COURSE.







NEXT MORNING, AS THE EXCHANGE OPENS...

RRRRINNNNGG!

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER ZILLION DOLLARS.

ONCE MORE INTO THE PIT, DEAR FRIENDS, ONCE MORE. WE...

WHOA. HOW DID THAT GET THERE?

WHAT IS IT, AN AD?

YEAH! AN AD FOR A SECURITY FIRM, OF ALL THINGS.

WHOEVER PULLED THIS OFF...

"...SURE KNOWS A FEW ANGLES."

THE PHONES ARE ALL LIT UP... PARTNER.

THAT STUNT'LL PULL IN MORE BUSINESS THAN WE CAN HANDLE, PAUL. ARE YOU SURE IT WAS WISE?

ARE YOU KIDDING, FELICIA? THEY'LL BE TALKING ABOUT MY STUNT ON THE STREET FOR YEARS! CAT'S EYE INVESTIGATIONS IS ON LINE BIG TIME!

THEY'LL TELL IT TO THEIR LITTLE BROKER GRANDPSONS AND GRANDDAUGHTERS.

LISTEN TO HIM HOG ALL THE CREDIT.

YOU'D NEVER KNOW I HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, TOO.

AND YOU'D NEVER KNOW FROM THE WAY THAT YOU'RE HELPING US THAT I'D JUST PUT YOUR SON BEHIND BARS.

I HAVE NO SON. I'M ON YOUR SIDE, CAT. ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.

AND AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, IT'S THE END... AND THE START...

...OF A LONG TALE.

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